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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SOIL, SEEDS AND CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the demand and supply of basic necessities like seeds treatment, farming implements, pesticides and fertilizers etc. required for nutrition and protection of soil, seeds and crops; and

(b) the details of measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The aim of Government of India is to achieve 100% seed treatment. In the area of farming implements, no shortage has been reported. The demand for pesticides as reported by the States/Union Territories was 43,718 metric tonnes for 2006-07. The requirement of fertilizers, namely, Urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) has been assessed for the Rabi season 2007-08 at 14.00 million tonnes, 4.91 million tonnes and 1.96 million tonnes, respectively.

(b): A country wide campaign for 100% seed treatment has been launched. Subsidized farming equipment is made available to the farmers on the basis of the proposals submitted by the States/Union Territories. No report has been received regarding shortage of pesticides. The supply plan of the above-mentioned fertilizers has been drawn up by the Department of Fertilizers.